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Applicant: WEISS, Lawrence D., et al.

Serial No.: 09/807,444

PCT No.: PCT/US99/22904

International Filing Date: October 1, 1999

Priority Date: October 2, 1998

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD OF ADVISING BUYERS HOW MUCH TO
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RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.137(b)

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 21, 2001

Dear Mr. Richard M. Ross:

In response to your Decision on the Petition to Revive Abandoned Application under 37 CFR §1.137(b), mailed July 24, 2001, and requiring a response by September 24, 2001, this response is properly filed by September 24, 2001.

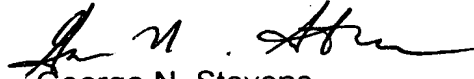
Please find attached a United States Patent and Trademark Office form no. 2038, "Credit Card Payment Form", in the amount of \$620.00.

With the filing of the foregoing fee, it is respectfully requested that the Petition to Revive Abandoned Application no. 09/807,444 under 37 CFR §1.137(b) be granted. Should the petitions' attorney wish to speak to the undersigned attorney, he is invited to call him at (703) 312-6675. Sale Ref: 00000002 DAA: 012135 09807444

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Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing case No. 374.37564A00).

Respectfully submitted,



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Dear Mr. Richard M. Ross:

In the Decision on Petition to Revive Abandoned Application under 37 CFR §1.137(d) it is stated that the charge to the authorized credit card was rejected. This rejection of the credit card payment is respectfully traversed and a request for refund of excess fees paid is respectfully requested.

As evidenced by the attached copy of return post card for application serial no. 09/807,444, fees in the amount of \$685.00 were authorized for the foregoing filing of the Petition to Revive and the filing of a late Declaration. As further evidenced by the attached copy of American Express charge account 3782-966500-11008 a charge for \$685.00 which would include the Petition fee of \$620.00 and the late Declaration fee of \$65.00 were charged to the foregoing credit card account on April 30, 2001. Still further, as evidenced by a letter to U.S. Commissioner of Patents, herein attached, in item 1 listed therein is included a credit card payment

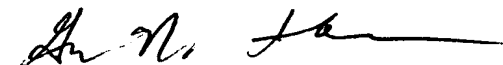
form for \$685.00 for the Petition to Revive and unintentional abandonment of a PCT application and late filing of the oath and Declaration thereof.

In conjunction with the filing of this Petition to Revive, it should be noted that as evidenced by the foregoing mentioned letter to the U.S. Commissioner of Patents a credit card payment form for \$1,248.00 for entry into the U.S. national stage was filed along with the foregoing Petition to Revive. This entry into the U.S. national stage was granted an application no. 09/807,443. It is respectfully suggested that possibly the wrong file may have been credited with the \$685.00 mentioned above.

An investigation as to the charges related to application serial no. 09/807,443 and 09/807,444 is respectfully requested. It should be further noted that in application 09/807,444 that a copy of the international application was filed therein. However, it was the intent of the Applicants that this international application which included a specification be made part of application serial no. 09/807,443 required for entry into the U.S. national stage. Should the PCT Petitions Attorney have any questions, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (703) 312-6675.

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Sir:

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It is respectfully requested that this petition to revive the international application for patent be approved.

Sincerely,



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LETTER TO PCT PETITIONS ATTORNEY RICHARD M. ROSS

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Dear Mr. Ross:

As evidenced by the returned post card for application serial no. 09/807,443 and 09/807,444 the Applicants in this case have attempted to revive an abandoned PCT application and enter the U.S. national stage for prosecution. As evidenced by the attached letter dated April 25, 2001, a total of 14 separate items were filed and hand carried to the PCT Branch, including two separate fees, one for \$685.00 and the second for \$1,248.00. Apparently, this particular petition to revive and entry into the national stage have become bifurcated into two separate files. It is respectfully requested that you retrieve these separate files and suggest a method by which the

undersigned attorney may correctly file for a Petition to Revive an Abandoned PCT application and entry into the national stage.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. N. Stevens", written over the printed name.

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DECISION ON PETITION
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This decision is issued in response to applicants' Petition for Revival under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed on 25 April 2001. Applicants have paid the required small entity petition fee.

BACKGROUND

On 01 October 1999, applicants filed international application PCT/US99/22904 which claimed a priority date of 02 October 1998 and which designated the United States.

On 20 April 2000, a Demand was filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority electing the United States. The election was made prior to the expiration of nineteen months from the priority date. As a result, the deadline for payment of the basic national fee was extended to expire thirty months from the priority date, i.e., 02 April 2001.

On 25 April 2001, applicants filed the Petition for Revival, with accompanying materials, considered herein.

DISCUSSION

37 CFR 1.137(b) permits the filing of a petition to revive an abandoned application where the abandonment resulted from an unintentional delay. A grantable petition under this section must include: (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee required by law; (3) a statement that the "entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional;" and (4) any terminal disclaimer and fee required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c).

Regarding item (1), the "required reply," section 711.03(c) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures states that:

[g]enerally, the required reply is the reply sufficient to have avoided abandonment, had such reply been timely filed.

Here, a copy of the international application was not required because the international application was filed in the United States Receiving Office. The "required reply" was therefore payment of the basic national fee. The Petition for Revival was accompanied by a credit card authorization to charge applicants for the basic national fee. However, the charge to the authorized credit card was rejected. Thus, applicants have not made a submission which would have been "sufficient to have avoided abandonment" had it been made in a timely manner. Accordingly, applicants have not satisfied item (1).

Item (2) is the petition fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(m). The Petition for Revival was accompanied by a payment of the \$620 small entity petition fee. Item (2) is satisfied.

As for item (3), the Petition for Revival expressly states that the "entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional." Item (3) under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is satisfied.

Under the terms of 37 CFR 1.137(c), the terminal disclaimer listed as item (4) above is not required for this application.

Based on the above, applicants have satisfied items (2)-(4) for a grantable petition, but have failed to satisfy item (1). Accordingly, the Petition for Revival cannot be granted at this time.

It is noted that applicants also submitted an executed declaration with the Petition For Revival. However, the declaration executes a different international application (PCT/US99/22909) and therefore is unacceptable under 37 CFR 1.497.

CONCLUSION

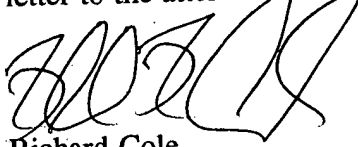
Applicants Petition for Revival is **DISMISSED** without prejudice. The application remains **ABANDONED** with regards to national stage processing in the United States.

If reconsideration on the merits of this petition is desired, a proper reply must be filed within **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mail date of this decision. The proper reply would be payment of the required basic national fee. Any reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." No additional petition fee is required. Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.13(a).

Application No. 09/807,444

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Please direct further correspondence with respect to this matter to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT, Washington, D.C. 20231, and address the contents of the letter to the attention of the PCT Legal Office.



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